

THOMAS R. KUHN President

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Dear Representative:

The House of Representatives soon is expected to consider legislation responding to the World Trade Organization's rulings against U.S. "FSC" and "ETI" export tax benefits. The Edison Electric Institute (EEI), representing U.S. shareholderowned electric companies (who serve approximately 75% of the ultimate consumers of electricity in the Nation), urges you to support this legislation. It is of great importance to U.S. manufacturers and energy producers.

The FSC-ETI ("JOBS") legislation (H.R. 4520), introduced on June 4, 2004, includes a broad-based tax rate reduction for domestic manufacturing and production. This provision will bolster U.S. electric utility industry jobs, not only by lowering industry taxes, but also by reducing the tax burden on our manufacturing customers.

We urge you to vote in favor of the FSC-ETI legislation when it is brought to the House floor.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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